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### Irrigation

*Irrigation works in the Tinnevelly district for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are not kept by the Government.*

* 489 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to Irrigation works in the Tinnevelly district for which capital and revenue accounts are not kept by the Government—

(*a*) the gross revenue and the total outlay incurred during the last financial year for which figures are available; and

(*b*) the amounts spent in respect of each work in charge of the Public Works Department during that year?

*A.*—(*a*) The gross revenue and total outlay incurred in 1931–1932 were Rs. 12,98,372 and Rs. 2,72,163 respectively.

(*b*) A statement [a] giving the information is appended.

### Land Revenue Administration

*Extent of cultivable land in the Tinnevelly district lying uncultivated.*

* 490 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 6·46 lakhs of acres of cultivable land in the Tinnevelly district is at present uncultivated; and

(*b*) whether the Government have got any policy for bringing this large extent of land as well as similar extents in other districts into cultivation?

*A.*—(*a*) The extent of cultivable waste other than fallow in the Tinnevelly district at the end of fasli 1341 was 151,280 acres.

(*b*) The policy of Government relating to the disposal of cultivable land is embodied in the Board's Standing Orders Nos. 15, 17, 18, 19, 19-A, 21, 24 and 26.

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I know whether Government will consider the desirability of amending the Board's Standing Orders so as to enable private individuals to acquire lands more easily than at present?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"The question of acquisition of lands is dealt with in the Land Acquisition Act."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"I wanted to know whether Government will consider the desirability of amending the Board's Standing Orders so that these lands may be liberally allowed to all those who apply for the same?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"If my hon. Friend puts a definite suggestion I shall be pleased to consider it."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 373–378 infra.